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Apply for Your 2010 PFD Starting January 1

Juneau – The 2010 PFD application period opens January 1, 2010, at 12:01 A.M. Filing is easy! Either go online to www.pfd.alaska.gov or obtain paper application forms in your community. If the division received a paper application from your household address in 2009, you will receive a packet which includes applications and the list of statewide distribution sites where additional forms and instructions can be obtained. A list of the 275 distribution sites will also be printed bi-weekly in the Anchorage Daily News, and are available by using the online lookup tool on the PFD website.

While you may apply either on paper or online, online filing is the fastest way to submit your 2010 PFD application. Every qualified Alaskan, **including first time filers**, can apply for their PFD online or on paper. First time online filers will need to print and mail a signature page to complete their application.

Any adult who received a 2009 PFD can set up a myAlaska account, using information from an Alaska driver's license or an Alaska ID, to electronically sign their or their children's application. Alaskans with a myAlaska account do not need to set up another account. Applicants who do not wish to use an electronic signature can still apply online and mail a printed signature page to the PFD Division. Visit www.pfd.alaska.gov to learn more about the electronic signature option or to set up a myAlaska account now.

According to PFD Operations Manager Dan DeBartolo, in 2009 the Division received 487,250 online applications, 75% of the nearly 652,000 on time and valid applications received for the 2009 PFD. DeBartolo encourages all Alaskans to discover for themselves the convenience of applying for a PFD electronically.

PFD Division Director Debbie Bitney said, "Although filing online is the most common method and provides immediate confirmation of receipt, we realize that it is not for everyone. We are placing the paper application forms in every community and mailing them to household addresses where residents preferred the paper option in 2009. Through a statewide media campaign, we are helping all Alaskans remember to file."

Division staff in the Anchorage, Fairbanks and Juneau Offices can assist in applying online or setting up a myAlaska account. Alaskans may apply using computers available in the PFD Offices, public libraries, Legislative Information Offices, and Community Distribution sites with public computer access.

The 2010 PFD application period runs from January 1 through March 31, 2010. The online application will be available at 12:00:01 A.M. on January 1, 2010. The 2010 dividend amount will be announced late September, and paid to eligible Alaskans on October 7, 2010.
